



Banner Message Independent Laboratory Rates

Dear Independent Laboratory Provider:

Effective for dates of service beginning July 1, 2003, **independent laboratory rates will be reduced by 10%**. The only exception will be for the laboratory rates that are derived from the physician fee schedule. Those procedure codes will follow the rate logic for physician services.

Please use the nine-digit provider number you were issued and have always used for billing Georgia Medicaid. On the CMS-1500, this information is located in item 33. Please do not add any zeros to your provider number. Your provider number must be on all claims submitted. Lack of the correct provider number is causing significant problems/delays in claims processing.

For questions about this information, call Stephanie Simmons at (404) 657-9126. Thank you for your participation and continued support of Georgia Medicaid.